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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 10-14, 17, 19, 20 and 21 are pending in the present application.

Claim 22 is canceled without prejudice.

Claim 1 has been amended to state:

sensing a characteristic of the work piece surface by means of a sensor, wherein the characteristic is selected from the group consisting of color, roughness, and material type; and
transmitting corresponding electric data signals indicative of the sensed characteristic from the sensor to an electronic evaluation device that subsequently adjusts a heating power of the heating device based, at least in part, on the ~~sensed~~ characteristic data transmitted from a sensor. Support for the amendment is found in the specification on page 9, lines 7-18.

Claim 14 has been amended to state:

sensing a characteristic of the work piece surface by means of a sensor, wherein the characteristic is selected from the group consisting of color, roughness, and material type, and
transmitting corresponding electric data signals indicative of the of the sensed characteristic from the sensor to an electronic evaluation device that subsequently
adjusts ~~adapting~~ a heating power of a work piece surface heater based, at least in part, on the sensed characteristic data transmitted from a sensor. Support for the amendment is found in the specification on page 9, lines 7-18.

Claim 21 has been amended to state:

sensing a characteristic of the workpiece surface by means of a sensor; and

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transmitting corresponding electrical data signals indicative of the sensed characteristic from the sensor to an electronic evaluation device that subsequently adjusts a heating power of the heating device based, at least in part, on the ~~sensed~~ characteristic data transmitted from a sensor. Support for the amendment is found in the specification on page 9, lines 7-18.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) Over U.S. Pat. No. 2,306,256 (Wickwire Jr., et al.)

Claim 22 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wickwire Jr., et al. Claim 22 has been cancelled in the present response.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) Over U.S. Pat. No. 2,306,256 (Wickwire Jr., et al.) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 3,817,172 (Horton)

Claims 1, 7, 8, 10-14 and 19-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wickwire Jr., et al. in view Horton. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1, 14 and 21 claim sensing a characteristic of the workpiece surface by means of a sensor; and transmitting corresponding electrical data signals indicative of the sensed characteristic from the sensor to an electronic evaluation device that subsequently adjusts a heating power of the heating device based, at least in part, on the characteristic data transmitted from a sensor. Wickwire Jr., et al. does not teach or suggest that the disclosed stamping method uses a sensor that transmits electrical data signals to an electronic evaluation device to adjust the heating power of the heating device.

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Horton does not cure the deficiencies of Wickwire Jr., et al.

In view of the above applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection based on Wickwire Jr., et al. and Horton.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) Over U.S. Pat. No. 2,306,256 (Wickwire Jr., et al.) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 3,817,172 (Horton) and U.S. Pat. No. 3,791,290 (Colledge)

Claims 4 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wickwire Jr., et al. in view Horton, and further in view of Colledge. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1 and 14, from which claims 4 and 17 depend, claim sensing a characteristic of the workpiece surface by means of a sensor; and transmitting corresponding electrical data signals indicative of the sensed characteristic from the sensor to an electronic evaluation device that subsequently adjusts a heating power of the heating device based, at least in part, on the characteristic data transmitted from a sensor. Wickwire Jr., et al. does not teach or suggest that the disclosed stamping method uses a sensor that transmits electrical data signals to an electronic evaluation device to adjust the heating power of the heating device.

The addition of Horton and Colledge does not cure the deficiencies of Wickwire Jr., et al.

In view of the above applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection based on Wickwire Jr., et al., Horton, and Colledge.

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Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as claimed from the applied references. In view of the foregoing: entry of the amendments presented herein; reconsideration of this application; and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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